

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Missouri-American            )  
Water Company for a Certificate of            )  
Convenience and Necessity Authorizing    )  
it to Install, Own, Acquire, Construct,    ) **File No. WA-2026-0072**  
Operate, Control, Manage and Maintain    )  
a Water System and Sewer System in        )  
and around the City of Neosho,            )  
Missouri.    )

**JOINT LIST OF ISSUES, ORDER OF OPENING STATEMENTS, ORDER OF WITNESSES,  
AND ORDER OF CROSS-EXAMINATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and on behalf of Missouri-American Water Company (“MAWC”), the City of Neosho, Missouri (“Neosho”), and the Office of Public Counsel (“OPC”), submits this *Joint List of Issues, Order of Opening Statements, Order of Witnesses, and Order of Cross-Examination*.

**I. List of Issues**

1. Is MAWC’s provision of water and wastewater service associated with its proposed purchase of the City of Neosho water and wastewater systems “necessary or convenient for the public service” within the meaning of the phrase in Section 393.170, RSMo, such that it should be granted water and sewer certificates of convenience and necessity (“CCNs”) for this purpose?

2. Is MAWC’s acquisition of the City of Neosho’s water and wastewater systems “in the public interest, regardless of whether the matter has been put to a vote of the small water utility’s ratepayers,” as required by § 393.320 RSMo.?

3. If the Commission grants MAWC CCNs in this case:
  - A. How should the ratemaking rate base amount be recorded by MAWC?
  - B. What rates should MAWC charge the Neosho customers upon the date of the acquisition?
  - C. How should the transaction, closing, and transition costs incurred by the Company be recorded by MAWC?

## **II. Order of Opening Statements**

- MAWC
- Neosho
- Staff
- OPC

## **III. List of Witnesses/Order of Witnesses**

1. Neosho Witness:
  - Richard Davidson<sup>1</sup>
2. MAWC Witnesses:
  - Brian LaGrand
  - Stephen Kadyk
  - Edward W. Dinan
  - Elizabeth Goodman Schneider<sup>2</sup>
  - Joseph E. Batis
3. Staff Witnesses:
  - Jarrod J. Robertson
  - Christopher Boronda
  - Ashley Sarver

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Davidson is only available on June 22, 2026.

<sup>2</sup> Ms. Goodman Schneider is only available on June 24, 2026.

4. OPC Witnesses:
- Angela Schaben
  - Geoff Marke

#### **IV. Order of Cross-Examination**

Neosho Witnesses: MAWC, Staff, OPC

MAWC Witnesses: Neosho, Staff, OPC

Staff Witnesses: OPC, Neosho, MAWC

OPC Witnesses: Staff, Neosho, MAWC

**STAFF'S REQUEST FOR RELIEF:** As mentioned above, some Staff employees contributed to the *Staff Report and Recommendation* but did not submit testimony in this case. These witnesses are: 1). Kelli Malki, 2). David Spratt, 3). Contessa King, and 4). Adam Stamp.<sup>3</sup> As such, Staff respectfully requests that these witnesses be excused from cross-examination. However, these witnesses will be available for questions from the judge presiding over the hearing and the commissioners in attendance. Staff has discussed this with the other parties, and none oppose.<sup>4</sup>

**WHEREFORE,** Staff respectfully submits this *List of Issues, Order of Opening Statements, Order of Witnesses, and Order of Cross-Examination* for the Commission's information and consideration.

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<sup>3</sup> Ms. King is adopting the portions of the Staff Memorandum that Lisa Stockman contributed.

<sup>4</sup> If either the Commissioners or the presiding judge has questions for these Staff members, OPC, Neosho, and MAWC shall have the opportunity to cross examine those Staff members based on questions from the bench.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026.

/s/ Andrea B. Hansen